

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 5 and 6 to read as follows:

E2 3. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the imidazole compound is contained in an amount of at least 10 mass%.

E3 5. (Twice Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the imidazole compound is contained in an amount of from 5 to 50 mass% and the D-ribose is contained in an amount of from 5 to 50 mass%.

6. (Twice Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises at least one substance selected from the group consisting of taurine, creatine, vitamin E, vitamin C, carotenoid, reduced glutathione and minerals.

Please add the following claims:

E4 20. (New) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the active ingredients of the composition consist essentially of said anserine or salt thereof and said D-ribose.

21. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein the

active ingredients of the composition consist essentially of said

24 anserine or a salt thereof and said D-ribose.

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